Nils Kupzok, PhD

Postdoctoral Researcher
Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies
nils.kupzok@gmail.com
nilskupzok.com
+1 410 810 4117

October 2026

Academic Appointments

2026–	Postdoctoral Researcher, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies.
2026–	Research Associate, Center for Political Economy, Columbia University.
2024–2026	Postdoctoral Research Scholar, Center for Political Economy, Columbia University.
2022–2024	Postdoctoral Fellow, School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University.

Education

2022	PhD in Political Science, Johns Hopkins University.

Journal Articles

Published

2025	Kupzok, Nils. "Climate Policy Is Still Good for Business." *Foreign Affairs* July 2026.
2025	Kupzok, Nils, and Jonas Nahm. "Green Macrofinancial Bargains: How Economic Interests Enable and Limit Climate Action." *Review of International Political Economy* 32(3), 569–592.
2024	Kupzok, Nils, and Jonas Nahm. "The Decarbonization Bargain: How the Decarbonizable Sector Shapes Climate Politics." *Perspectives on Politics* 22(4), 1203–1223.
2024	Jabko, Nicolas, and Nils Kupzok. "The Crossover Between Climate Politics and Central Banking: How Green Central Banking Emerged in the US, the EU, and the UK." *Politics & Society* 52(4), 662–690.
2024	Jabko, Nicolas, and Nils Kupzok. "Indirect Responsiveness and Green Central Banking." *Journal of European Public Policy* 31(4), 1026–1050.
2020	Kupzok, Nils. "Fragile Legitimacy: The Rise and Crisis of the EU's 'Sustainable Biofuels' Policy." *Socio-Economic Review* 18(1), 235–256.

Under Review

R&R	"The Climate Politics of Crisis Spending: Why Economic Crises Won't Save the Climate." With Vegard Torstad, Jonas Nahm, and Johannes Urpelainen.
R&R	"Climate-Related Asset Governance: Insights from the US, France, and China." With Daniel Driscoll and Mathias Larsen.
Under review	"Export Regimes Shape Green Industrial Strategy: Explaining Mexico's and South Korea's Divergent Paths." With Jon Hovi, Jose Maria Linares, Ryu Park, and Vegard Torstad.
Under review	"Build to Last? Producer Politics and U.S. Green Industrial Policy Retrenchment."
Under review	"Fiscal Climate Politics: Why Some Countries Spend More on Decarbonization."
Special Issue	"Green Industrial Policy as State-Making and Unmaking in the US, China, and the EU." With Josh Whitford, Matthias Thiemann, and Joanna Lewis.
Special Issue	"Modes of Institutional Change in US, Chinese, and EU Industrial Policy."

Book Manuscript

Manuscript	"Saving the Climate by Serving the Economy: How Climate Policy Became a Means to Economic Ends."

Book Reviews

2026	Kupzok, Nils. "Existential Politics: Why Global Climate Institutions Are Failing and How to Fix Them" (by Jessica Green). *Global Environmental Politics* 00:0.

Teaching Experience

2024–2025	Industrial Policy. Graduate seminar. Co-instructor with Josh Whitford. Fall 2024 and Spring 2025.
2024	Elite Interviewing for Political Scientists. Graduate methods workshop. Instructor. Spring 2024.
2019, 2020	The Political Economy of Climate Change. Undergraduate course, 300-level. Instructor. Spring 2019 and Fall 2020.
2016	Capitalism and Ecology. Undergraduate course, 400-level. Co-instructor with William E. Connolly. Fall 2016.
2016	Social Policy. Undergraduate course, 200-level. Instructors Daniel Schlozman, Stephanie DeLuca, and Barbara Morgan. Fall 2016.
2016	Global Governance. Undergraduate course, 200-level. Instructor Bentley Allan. Spring 2016.
2015	Introduction to Comparative Politics. Undergraduate course, 100-level. Instructor Nicolas Jabko. Spring 2015.

Grants Awards and Fellowships

2025	Research grant for work on green industrial policy backlash. Center for Political Economy, Columbia University. $8,000.
2023	Emerging Scholar Policy Prize. Perry World House and *Foreign Affairs*. $10,000.
2021	Dissertation Completion Fellowship. Office of the Provost, Johns Hopkins University.
2020	Dean's Prize Fellowship. Krieger School of Arts and Sciences, Johns Hopkins University.
2019	Early Career Award. Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics. $500.
2018	Dean's Teaching Fellowship. Krieger School of Arts and Sciences, Johns Hopkins University.
2018	Malcolm H. Laucheimer Fellowship. Department of Political Science, Johns Hopkins University.
2015	Paul A. McCoy Award for Outstanding Graduate Paper, for "Fragile Legitimacy: The Rise and Crisis of the EU's 'Sustainable Biofuels' Policy." Department of Political Science, Johns Hopkins University.

Academic Service

2024–2026	Academic committee, New Thinking in Industrial Policy Conference, Columbia University.
2018–2020	Assistant Editor, *Governance*.

Journal Refereeing

Journal of Politics, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Nature Climate Change*, *Governance*, *Review of International Political Economy*, *Socio-Economic Review*, *Economy and Society*, *New Political Economy*, *Environmental Politics*, *Business and Politics*, *Journal of European Integration*, and *npj Climate Action*.

Professional Memberships

2019–present	American Political Science Association (APSA), Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE), and Council for European Studies (CES).

Invited Talks

26 Jun 2026	"The Comparative Political Economy of Fiscal Climate Policies." University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark.
2 Jun 2026	"Greening Economic Reason." Center for European and Comparative Politics, Sciences Po, Paris, France.
16 Apr 2026	"Incentive Structures for Green and Digital Industrial Policy." Volkswagen Foundation symposium on Europe's industrial policy options in the digital, green, and geoeconomic transitions. Schloss Herrenhausen, Hannover, Germany.
27 Nov 2025	"Green Geoeconomics: Explaining Climate Politics' Fiscal and Industrial Turn." Department of International Relations, London School of Economics.

7 Nov 2025	"Why Some Countries Spend More on Decarbonization: The Role of Economic Exposure." New Thinking in Industrial Policy Conference, Columbia University.
22 May 2025	"Amid the Climate Whiplash: Industries' Persistent and Successful Quest to Remake Climate Policy." Sciences Po and Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies.
22 Jan 2025	"The Fracture of the Fossil Coalition and the Rise of Green Fiscal and Industrial Policies." Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University.
16 Jan 2025	"The Fracture of the Fossil Coalition and the Rise of Green Fiscal and Industrial Policies." Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver.
14 Nov 2024	"The Decarbonization Bargain: Explaining the Surprising Rise of Fiscal Climate Policies." Department of Political Science, Boston University.
5 Apr 2024	"The New Political Economy of Decarbonization." Center for European and Comparative Politics, Sciences Po, Paris, France.
18 Mar 2024	"The Global Rise of Fiscal Climate Policies." European Institute, London School of Economics, London, United Kingdom.
8 Dec 2023	"Political Support for Industry Decarbonization: Limits and Possibilities." Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut, United States.

Conferences and Workshops

2026	"Green Industrial Policy as State-Making and Unmaking in the US, China, and the EU." SASE General Conference, Bordeaux, France.
2026	"Opening the Box of Carrots: Explaining US Clean Energy Subsidy Rollbacks." Climate Pipeline Workshop, Columbia University.
2025	"Climate-Related Asset Stranding Across Ownership and Time Horizons: Insights from the US and China." SASE General Conference, Montreal, Canada.
2025	"Exposure to Global Decarbonization Pressures Drives Climate Politics' Fiscal Turn." CES Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, United States.
2025	"Exposure to Global Decarbonization Pressures Drives Climate Politics' Fiscal Turn." Research group meeting of Leon Wansleben, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne, Germany.
2024	"The Decarbonization Bargain: How the Decarbonizable Sector Shapes Climate Politics." Comparative Political Economy Workshop, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne, Germany.
2024	"The Political Economy of Fiscal Climate Policies." APSA General Conference, Philadelphia, United States.
2024	"Green Macrofinancial Bargains: How Economic Interests Enable and Limit Climate Action." CES Conference, Lyon, France.
2024	"Macroeconomic Path-Dependence: Why Economic Crises Won't Save the Climate." SASE General Conference, Limerick, Ireland.
2023	"The Decarbonization Bargain: How the Decarbonizable Sector Shapes Climate Politics." APSA General Conference, Los Angeles, United States. Cancelled.
2023	"International Economic Crises and Green Spending." APSA General Conference, Los Angeles, United States. Cancelled.
2023	"The ECB, the Fed, and the Rise of Green Central Banking." CES General Conference, University of Iceland, Reykjavik, Iceland.

2023	"The Crossover Between Climate Politics and Central Banking: How Green Central Banking Emerged in the US, the EU, and the UK." Inaugural Conference for Comparative and American Political Economy.
2023	"The Decarbonization Bargain: How the Decarbonizable Sector Shapes Climate Politics." Climate Pipeline Workshop, Brown University and Harvard University. Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Climate Solutions Lab, Providence, Rhode Island, United States.
2023	"Beyond the End of the Neoliberal Era: Greening the Neoliberal Political Legacy." International Studies Conference, University of Montreal. Scheduled presentation.
2022	"The ECB, the Fed, and the Rise of Green Central Banking." Workshop for the Journal of European Public Policy special issue project on responsiveness and EU economic governance, Free University of Brussels, Brussels, Belgium.
2022	"Greening Macroeconomic Governance." Workshop on Climate Politics During Economic Recessions, funded by the Norwegian Research Council, University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway.
2022	"Late, Contested, and Varied: Explaining Central Banks' Climate Awakening." SASE General Conference, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands.
2021	"Central Banks and the Construction of Climate Change as a Financial Risk." APSA General Conference.
2021	"The Birth of Green Economic Reason." European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference.
2021	"Central Banks and the Construction of Climate Change as a Financial Risk." ECPR General Conference. Scheduled presentation.
2021	"The Birth of Green Economic Reason." SASE General Conference.
2020	"Seeing Climate Change Like an Economist: Making Climate Policy a 'Non-Event'." SASE General Conference, online.
2020	"The Conservative Response to Environmentalism in the US." Paper prepared for the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting.
2019	"Varieties of Neoliberalism in US Climate Change Politics." SASE Early Career Workshop, The New School for Social Research, New York, United States.
2019	"The Social Cost of Carbon in US Climate Politics." SASE General Conference, New York, United States.
2018	"Neoliberalism and Climate Change Politics." Political Science Graduate Student Colloquium, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, United States.
2016	"The Creativity of Action and the EU's Biofuels Policy." Political Science Graduate Student Colloquium, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, United States.
2015	"Crisis of Legitimation: Phasing Out Nuclear Energy in Germany." Summer School for Social Sciences, Berlin, Germany.
2015	"Making Biofuels Unsustainable." ECPR Conference, Montreal, Canada.
2015	"The Fragility of Norms: The Rise and Decline of the EU's 'Sustainable Biofuels' Policy." SASE Conference, London, United Kingdom.

References

Nicolas Jabko. Professor, Johns Hopkins University. nicolas.jabko@jhu.edu

Mark Blyth. Professor, Brown University. mark_blyth@brown.edu

Jonas Nahm. Associate Professor, Johns Hopkins SAIS. jnahm@jhu.edu